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Why do the Best Dressed MEN DEAL HERE?

The best dressed men throughout this locality are men who deal with us. The reasons they deal with us, and the reasons they are the best dressed men are of considerable importance to every clothing buyer.

This is one of the reasons "why."

Here is Reason No. 5.

Far above all other considerations, the paramount reason that brings the best dressed men to this store is Confidence.

Confidence is our style—newness of our garments;

Confidence in our judgement and taste; Confidence in the quality and durability of all we sell;

And, most important, confidence in our integrity as guarantors of absolute satisfaction.

In a word, men come to this store, confident of not only getting the best clothing, but getting the best treatment as well.



We sell Schloss Bros. & Co., clothing, because they make the "Best Clothing in the World."

All their garments bear this label.

HARRISSON & GILLESPIE BROS.,

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E. K. CROCKETT APPOINTED Successor to the Late James Bandy.

Judge Stuart, on Wednesday, appointed Mr. E. King Crockett to fill the unexpired term of the late Sheriff, Jas. Bandy, who died a short time ago.

Mr. Crockett has not qualified, but it is understood will do so in a few days. E. King Crockett is well known in this county. He is a relative of the present deputy sheriff, John W. Crockett, and a man of integrity and considerable wealth. It will be recalled that he made the race for sheriff at the last election, at which time a large number of the citizens of this county expressed their preference for him for the office.

So far as is known Mr. Crockett has given no hint as to who will be his deputies. One will be appointed for the west end of the county, a jailor, and a deputy in Pocahontas. Whether or not the present deputies will be retained is not known.

The new sheriff is a staunch Democrat, and if he should see fit to appoint a man of his own political faith as deputy sheriff, it will be the first time in nearly a quarter of a century that the sheriffship has been in the hands of the Democrats.

The regular election of sheriff takes place next November.

Judge Stuart's appointment is generally approved. Mr. Crockett will prove a worthy successor to the late James Bandy, who was popular in the county, and an efficient officer.

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Dr. J. A. Pepper,
DENTIST.

Office in St. Clair building.

Dr. Lilburn E. Ward,
DENTIST.
Pocahontas, Virginia.

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Pocahontas, Va.

Religions Meetings.

Pounding Mill, Jan. 1.—Correspondence.—The meeting held by the saints at this place was a feast to many souls. Quite a number of saints from other points were present. Many were praying or praising God at the same time. The meeting began at Richlands on Xmas day, began here Friday night, at Cedar Bluff Tuesday and again at Richlands last night. Seven souls were saved at Cedar Bluff; some received the second work of grace, which is sanctification. Some of the services lasted as long as five or six hours. How true it is that God's children delight in testifying and exhorting for Jesus.

Truly God is raising up a people who are not ashamed to speak a word for Jesus in any place, or at any time. Praise the Lord! Hallelujah! A number were anointed and healed according to James 5, 14-15. Praise the name of Jesus, the same yesterday, today and forever. In the evening it shall be light like the morning—Zach. 14-17. May the glorious work go on until all of God's children are gathered from where they have been scattered in the dark and cloudy day. Truly the wheat is being separated from the tares and all of the rubbish of men is being burned by the fire, which is the word of God. God says, "Is not my Word a fire?" May the people read God's Word more carefully and prayerfully this year than ever before.

Mrs. W. B. STEELE.

Milford Smith Dead

M. A. Smith, manager for the Hoster Brewing Company, at Pocahontas, died there last Friday, of heart failure. It is said. He had been in Pocahontas a number of years, and had many friends there.

He leaves a wife and several children.

Fire in Col. May's Office.

Fire broke out last Monday morning, in Colonel A. J. May's office building in the apartment up stairs, occupied by Mr. J. P. Harman, as a residence. There was considerable excitement, but not much damage to the building. The fire company responded quickly, and the fire was soon extinguished.

Charged With Murder.

J. R. Overstreet was arrested at his home in Bluefield on Wednesday night, charged with the murder of W. D. Farrar, last August. It will be recalled that young Farrar was found dead on the street in Bluefield on the morning of August 31. Strenuous efforts have been made to find the slayer, and several arrests have been made. It is claimed that several people have been found who saw Overstreet strike Farrar.

ASSAULT MADE IN THE JAIL

Harry Lambert Attacks Jailer with Scissors.

Last Friday, as the prisoners were given their breakfast, Harry Lambert made an assault upon deputy-jailer Mitchell, with a pair of scissors, and endeavored to escape. Mr. Mitchell was taken so completely by surprise that he was unable to use his gun, so he drew the large jail key from his pocket, and struck Lambert several blows about the head and face, causing the blood to flow freely. Lambert grabbed a piece of iron pipe, used as a poker, and attempted to use it, but Mitchell wrenched it from his hand and would have probably killed Lambert but for interposition of Mr. Green, who begged him not to strike, and Lambert's pleadings. He was forced back into the cell, and his wounds attended to. The prisoners are allowed in the corridor to the wash basin every morning, and when they were returned on Friday morning it is thought that Lambert hid himself by lying down on the floor. His aim, so it is thought, was to render the jailor helpless, and turn all the prisoners out. Where he got the pair of scissors he used in the assault is a mystery. It may be that he had outside help.

Lambert, it will be recalled, was sentenced at last term of the court, to one year in the pen for shooting Reese Harrison some years ago.

It is likely that Lambert will wear bracelets around his wrists or ankles from this time on until he is taken to Richmond.

A Change in Business.

The only change in business we hear of for this year is in the firm of J. B. Boyer & Co. Norman Crawford, who has had charge of the store has accepted a position with the Bluefield Hardware Company, and Mr. Frank Grayson, of Bland county, has accepted a position in the store. This firm has had a fine patronage, and under the new management will, no doubt enjoy a continuance of the same.

Must Settle Up.

All persons indebted to us are requested to settle their accounts in full, either cash or note, by the first week in January. Those who settle by note will be expected to give a bank note with necessary endorsement.

Respectfully,
Buston & Sons.

The Burglars Sentenced.

The trial of Thos. Moore, James Williams and John Thompson, took place at last term of the court, for breaking into the dwelling house of Harry Rees, in Pocahontas, and stealing money and watches. Williams and Thompson were given two years each, and Moore one year, in state prison.

It seems that Moore, who is only 17 years old, was led into the trouble by Williams and Thompson, and did the stealing.

The facts, as brought in the trial, are about as follows:

Richard Davis, an old friend of H. P. Rees, of Pocahontas, and Richard Hunter, from Scotland, reached Pocahontas on a late train. They were direct from Europe. At the depot they met young Moore, of whom Davis inquired for Harry Rees. Moore showed them to Rees's saloon. There they all had drinks, and met Williams and Thompson, who, in a little while, called Moore out and had a talk. Thompson and Moore arranged to rob the visitors. Davis, his little son, and Hunter, by special invitation, spent the night with Rees. The three, Moore, Williams and Thompson, went to the residence of Rees, and Moore went in and did the robbing. Williams claims that he had nothing to do with the plot, and got only \$1.00 of the money.

It is understood that Williams and Thompson will appeal from the decision of the jury, and young Moore will be sent to the Reformatory instead of the penitentiary, as the new constitution permits persons over 16 years of age being sent there. In this case the Reformatory fixes the length of the term as they see fit.

Pounding Mill.

Not seeing any items from the brilliant pen of your correspondent for some time, I think I'll contribute a few.

The whole community was shocked by the burning of J. C. Williams' house on the night of Dec. 19th. Fortunately no lives were lost. Mrs. Williams got an ankle severely sprained in the skirmish. Not a thing was saved from the fire, though none of the outbuildings were injured.

Christmas went off quietly in our little town. The Christmas trees were greatly enjoyed by all.

School at this place has closed on account of the teachers being "stricken" with measles.

Eva Mae, the little daughter of Mr. Robert Ireson, has been sick with measles, but is improving.

The "twenty days" meeting the "holiness people" began at this place, came to an abrupt ending. Perhaps they froze out, at least they looked rather "blue" on Sunday.

Mrs. J. C. Williams is visiting Mrs. C. P. Williams this week.

Quarterly meeting will be held at this place Saturday and Sunday.

THE PARSON GETS AFTER 'EM

Church Members Who Danced During Xmas Repent in Sackcloth and Ashes

Rev. Mr. Brooks, the respected pastor of the Colored Methodist church here, is a strict and zealous disciplinarian. He will not tolerate wrong doing among his members if he knows it, and he is as bold as he is strict. The Christmas holidays brought trouble to pastor Brooks and his people. Quite a number of his flock were tempted during festive occasions to trip the light fantastic, and otherwise transgress the laws of the church. The fact that a number of members of the white churches indulged in the same exercises, or that the dancers did not cross their feet, cut no figure with the pastor. The offenders were drawn up last Monday night. On Sunday night before, a red hot sermon delivered in the church gave timely warning of what was coming. So, on Monday night they were all there—old and young, big and little—those who danced just a little "two-step," others who didn't "cross their feet," and still others who danced the regular old "breakdown"—all were there except one, who wrote a note full of spice and defiance. When the time came the offenders penitently confessed, and threw themselves on the mercy of the court. Fearfully and heartily each one promised to "sin no more," and the pastor gave them all the hand of forgiveness, and church and pastor unitedly, started out for another year's stretch.

Up to this time pastor Brooks is the only pastor in town who seems to have been troubled by Christmas festivities.

CASTORIA.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of J. C. Watson

BRISTOL PRIDE OF HER CITIZENS

Remarkable Growth in Past Few Years.

To one who hasn't visited the city of Bristol for a long time, as was the case with their scribe, its growth and present prosperous condition, is a genuine surprise. The reports in newspapers concerning the growth of towns and cities, have not always been reliable, particularly of late years, but after, even a short visit to Bristol one is convinced that reports of the growth of the town fall below the facts rather than exaggerate them.

Evidences of growth and prosperity are seen immediately upon alighting from the cars. A new and commodious passenger depot has taken the place of the old unsightly and uncomfortable shed, so familiar to the traveling public. Leading out from the depot into the business and resident portions of the town, are generally splendid sidewalks, which, notwithstanding the rains on this occasion, were clean. The new buildings going up and others recently completed, are solid and slightly structures, both business and resident. Splendid new residences have been built and others building, away out South and West of the city. The city has electric lights, cars, manufacturing plants, an abundant water supply, fine schools and churches and above all, a genial, intelligent and progressive people. Add to all this, Bristol's geographical situation, accessible to all points, the gateway into vast coalfields, railroad facilities etc. and its growth is no wonder, and its commercial future an assured fact.

THE SCHOOLS.

Bristol has three fine schools—King College for young men, Sullins College and Virginia Institute for young ladies. The two former are old, well established institutions with able faculties and a good patronage. The last named is younger, having been established only within recent years, having been moved from Glade Spring, where it was originally founded. The history of the school has become generally known. It has had its ups and downs, the downs being due to its lack of funds to discharge a burdensome debt incurred in its construction. The friends of the institution will be gratified to know that the indebtedness has been finally arranged for, and will give no further trouble.

The greatest "surprise" which comes to a visiting stranger to the Mountain city, is this same Virginia Institute. The newspaper reports, certainly for once, have not exaggerated in speaking of the splendid equipment when our Baptist friends have, in the Institute, as a school for girls. The spacious and imposing building which is situated on an eminence overlooking the city and country, is one of the best in appearance, in the South. It is heated by steam, has hot and cold water, bath rooms, wide halls, carpeted rooms elegantly furnished, offices, parlors, lecture rooms, music halls, reading rooms, and, in fact, is first class in every way. There is an air of elegance and refinement about the entire building which can have none other than an elevating and refining influence upon the young ladies. The Faculty is composed of 18 officers and teachers—men and women of high culture and wide experience in teaching. President Hutton and his wife are well qualified in head and heart for the responsible position which they occupy, and have already inspired the friends of the College with confidence in their ability and fitness to care for and train the young women under their care.

It occurred to the writer that all that is necessary to fill this institution with the 300 girls, which number it is capable of accommodating, is that the people should see it forthem selves. If those who have daughters to educate could visit this splendid school, in one of the best towns in the country, where the climate is fine, and all the surroundings conducive to the highest development of body and mind, there would be no lack of students or money to make this at once, what it will be in time, one of the leading institutions in the land.

The school has a goodly number of pupils this session, with a goodly number still to come in this session. If hard work and efficient

work and honest, well directed effort counts then President Hutton may expect a very large school next year. This scribe is aware that this letter sounds like a "boom" write up, and is liable to be classed with the "not always reliable" reports mentioned above, but he can assure his readers that this is not a "pay" article, and that he has understated rather than exaggerated the facts.

Woman Strangled

Freeling, Va., Jan. 1st.—News has reached here of the murder of a Mrs. Anderson of Tarpon, this county.

Some parties whose names have not been learned, went to the home of Mr. Anderson for the purpose of robbing him, and learning of this he left and they attacked his wife, choking her to death, and secured some money. Warrants have been issued for the parties.

G. W. Haynes Capitol policeman at Richmond, after spending the holidays with homefolks returned to his post yesterday, taking John Bryant and Creed Fleming to the Penitentiary. They go for 18 and 4 years respectively.

M. A. Buchanan, of Williamsburg, W. Va. is visiting relatives at this place.

Candidates for county offices are already as thick as gnats in August. Success to the News.

Narrow Escape.

A letter from Dr. Tynes' wife in Augusta county, gives an account of a very narrow escape which Dr. Tynes had from drowning last Saturday afternoon. In making a call he attempted to cross a swollen stream. His horse became unmanageable and plunged, the buggy was upset, and the horse drowned. The horse and buggy were found some distance down the river. Besides the loss of the horse and buggy, Dr. Tynes lost his medicine case and also a case of fine instruments. His own escape was almost miraculous.

The Symphony Concert.

We overlooked mention last week, of the Boston Ladies Symphony Concert, which was given here on the 26th. of December. The concert was great in all its parts—the finest we have ever heard in this entire section of the state. Notwithstanding the night was cold and walking uncertain and disagreeable, there was a large and appreciative audience present to enjoy the music of these splendid and skillful artists. The community is due Mrs. Harrison and members of the Lyceum Club a hearty vote of thanks.

Child Hurt in Thompson Valley

Benbow, Va., Jan. 6.—Correspondence.—Little Katy Blackwell, daughter of Buck Blackwell, was seriously hurt last Friday. She was visiting her uncle, Will Hager, near here, and while trying to cross a fence fell and pulled a rail off on herself. One report was that her thigh was broken, another that her hip was out of place. We did not see the doctor, so we are not prepared to say which report was true, but we do know that the child was badly hurt. They took her to her grandfather Hager's on Plumb Creek, Sunday.

Miss Mary Faulkner, one of the assistant teachers of the Graham High School, spent several days last week visiting Mrs. Nannie Buchanan. She returned to Graham Sunday.

Mr. Wade Corell, of Giles county, spent Christmas with friends in the Valley.

Mr. G. O. Thompson, who has been in Bristol for several months past, is at home again.

Colds and sore throat seem to be a general complaint throughout the neighborhood.

Mr. Sam Thompson made a business trip to Washington county last week.

Mrs. James Harris has been confined to her room several days with quincy.

Miss Nannie Compton, who has been quite sick for several months, was better the first of the week.

Mrs. Ella Buchanan, who has been so sick for the past two weeks, is very much improved.

Burkes Garden;

The first drifts of the winter came this week. Roads are almost full.

Mr. John D. Greever started Tuesday with horses to South Carolina. Stephen Bolling went with him.

Mrs. Thornton Walker, is very low. It is thought she will not recover.

Rev. H. E. Bailey returned Sunday from Giles County where he had spent holidays with home folks.

Dr. John Criger, who has been quite with consumption died last Friday and was taken to Zion, Smythe county for burial.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETS

Number of Bills Have Been Introduced

Both houses of the General Assembly met on Monday. There was no quorum present. A number of bills were introduced, however.

The most interesting matter up to this time is the mode of selecting commissioners of the Revenue. This matter, which has caused so much discussion, will be settled probably in a caucus. The friends of both election by the people and appointment by the Judges, seem to favor this mode of settling the matter.

THE CRAWFORD-CAMPBELL CASE.

The Crawford-Campbell cowhiding case will come up before the House Committee next Wednesday. The Committee will go to the bottom of the case. Hon. Wm. G. Loving, of Nelson county, will represent Mr. Crawford. Judge Loving and Judge Campbell are bitter political enemies, and a warm time is expected.

NEW MEN IN JAIL.

The Baileys in Trouble—A Bridegroom In Jail.

Chas. Jas. and Thos. Bailey, the last two brothers, all living in Abbs Valley, were sent here last Monday, and lodged in jail, charged with stealing a lot of harness, saddles, etc., from James Woodbridge, a neighbor. It seems that Jas. Bailey, was moving to Giles county. Jo Bailey came over and asked the driver, Chas. Bailey, to take a lot of harness, saddles, etc. for him, Jo, to Giles on his wagon. Charles, who was driving the wagon for Jim, consented to haul the stuff, and when they reached Graham, Charles, the driver and Thomas, who was driving the cow, were arrested on a warrant sworn out by Woodbridge, who claimed that the harness and saddles were stolen. The team and goods are held in Graham. James Bailey, who owned the team, was arrested in Pocahontas. Jo Bailey, who put the goods on James' wagon, has not been arrested. The men are innocent, so, they claim.

MORSES DILLS.

A young man, 16 years old, was lodged in jail here on Saturday, charged with setting fire to a lot of fodder, corn, etc., belonging to Messrs. Jo. and Shadrach White, for whom Dills worked. Dills claims that he was at home in bed sick when the burning took place. He was married only 4 weeks ago.

Tip Top Local News

Tip Top, Va., Jan. 7.—Correspondence.—After a long silence your scribe here will try to give a few items.

There is much sickness here and several deaths of late. Just as the old year was coming to a close, life came to an end with two of our neighbors. Miss Hannah Carter, daughter of the late John Carter, and Miss Effie Lucas, daughter of Mr. Loyd Lucas, of near Springville. Miss Carter was one of eleven children, only three of whom are now living—Mrs. M. A. Waldron, of near Pisgah and a sister and brother in Kentucky. Miss Lucas was a young woman, and from the way she had suffered for a great while death must have been a relief.

There is but little work going on here now on account of bad weather, altho' the Graham Iron Co. are still shipping ore to the furnace.

There was a moderate quantity of corn juice and other kill-devil used here Christmas, but no serious accidents are reported.

Jacob Witten, a respected colored man, of Mud Fork, died several days ago of heart trouble.

Many of the children around Bailey's have whooping cough.

We will now write is with a 3. "Success to the News, and everybody else who wants to do the right thing."

LOCK-JAW KILLS

Toy Pistols Get in their Deadly Work on Many Youth During Christmas.

Several deaths in Richmond, a large number in Norfolk, and a number in other parts of the state, are reported, as the results of wounds produced by toy pistols during Christmas. Nearly every town in the state forbade the use of fireworks, and as a substitute the boys resorted to toy pistols. So far about 20 deaths have occurred from wounds received, in the hands principally, from these little pistols. The disease, tetanus, is regarded as almost incurable.